ing from our hearts: Desaix was struck by a bullet just as his division went into action; he was killed on the spot. He lived just long enough to say to young Lebrun who was near him: " Go tell the First Consul that I die regretting I have not lived long enough to be known to posterity!" He had joined headquarters only three days before; he was ardent for the fray, and the day before he had several times repeated to the officers of his staff: "It is long since I fought in Europe. The bullets will have forgotten me; something will happen." When, in the midst of heavy firing, the news of Desaix' death was brought to the First Consul, he merely said: "Why may I not weep ?" —His body has been removed to Milan for embalming.

Little Kellermann made a very lucky charge; it was in the nick of time; we owe him a lot. To think that great events turn on such things!

(To Kellermann.) Your charge was pretty good!

16th, Marengo:

(To the Consuls.) The day following the battle of Marengo General Melas sent a request to our outposts that he might send General Skal to confer with me, and in the course of the day the inclosed convention was agreed on, and was signed in the night by General Berthier and General Melas. I hope the French people will be pleased with its army. I shall be at Milan to-night.